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SUBJECT: RAILWAY EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY MISSION

REF: STATE 271974; BEIRUT 15334; JIDDA 7385; AMMAN 7758;

--- CAIRO 10051; DHAHRAN 1242

1. SUBJECT MISSION ITINERARY NOW RESCHEDULED TO
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 10.

2. THIRTEEN AMERICAN FIRMS REPRESENTING STRONG CROSS-
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SECTION AMERICAN RAILROAD INDUSTRY AGREE PARTICIPATE

SUBJECT MISSION: PULLMAN STANDARD, SYSTAN INC., SWINDELL-DRESSLER, FARREL COMPANY, CAM INDUSTRIES, GENERAL MOTORS OVERSEAS, KERSHAW INTERNATIONAL, KORODY COLYER, PORTEC INC., SERVO CORPORATION OF AMERICA, WESTINGHOUSE AIRBRAKE, GENERAL ELECTRIC CORPORATION, FORD, BACON AND DAVIS.

3. REQUEST POST BLOCK OUT HOTEL ACCOMODATION FOR 16 SINGLE ROOMS FOR MEMBERS AND MISSION DIRECTOR. WE REALIZE THIS DIFFICULT BUT WILL APPRECIATE BEST ARRANGEMENTS POST CAN NEGOTIATE.

4. PROPOSED ITINERARY

BEIRUT: FEB. 20 (THUR) MEMBERS ARRIVE INDIVIDUALLY
--- FEB. 22 (SAT) LV BEIRUT 13:00 VIA ME 302

CAIRO: FEB. 22 (SAT) ARRIVE 14:50
--- FEB 25 (TUE) TRAVEL TO ALEXANDRIA
--- VIA BUS OR RAIL
--- FEB. 27 (THUR) RETURN TO CAIRO VIA BUS OR RAIL
--- FEB. 28 (FRI) LV CAIRO VIA SV 761 10:20 HRS.

DHAHRAN: FEB. 28 ARRIVE 14:10
--- MAR. 2 (SUN) LV DHAHRAN 15:45 VIA SV 811 OR
--- EARLIER IF BY TRAIN

RIYADH: MAR. 2 ARRIVE RIYADH
--- MAR. 4 (TUE) LV RIYADH 22:05 VIA SV 753

JIDDA: MAR. 4 ARRIVE 23:25
--- MAR. 7 (FRI) LV JIDDA 0845 VIA SV 768

DAMASCUS: MARCH 7 ARRIVE 11:10
--- MAR. 10 ROUND TRIP BY CAR TO HOMS,
--- RETURNING OVERNIGHT DAMASCUS AND MISSION
--- TERMINATION.

5. POSTS REQUESTED CHECK AND CONFIRM AIRLINE SCHEDULES AND OTHER TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND ADVISE SOONEST.
R.R. ADMINISTRATORS DHAHRAN EXPRESSED DESIRE TO UNCLASSIFIED

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MR. KILLOUGH FOR MEMBERS TRAVEL ON LOCAL RAILWAYS. POST COULD SO ARRANGE IF FEASIBLE AND DESIRABLE WITHIN OVERALL ITINERARY.

6. MISSION DIRECTOR ARTHUR F. BOUDREAU, DIRECTOR, BUSINESS FACILITATION STAFF, COMMERCE ACTION GROUP NEAR EAST (CAGNE). ADVANCE OFFICER, GEORGE BECK, COUNTRY

SPECIALIST, CAGNE WILL FOLLOW NEW PROCEDURE ADVANCE OUT-LINED A-9156. BECK REQUIRES FOLLOWING RESERVATIONS:
BEIRUT FEB. 2, 3, 20; DAMASCUS FEB. 4, 5, 6, 8 AND HOMS
FEB. 7; DHAHRAN FEB. 9, 10; RIYADH FEB. 11, 12; JIDDA
FEB 13, 14; CAIRO FEB. 15, 16, 17, 19 AND ALEXANDRIA 18.

7. WILL BRING AMEMBASSY AMMAN REQUEST TO ATTENTION
MISSION AND SUGGEST APPROPRIATE MEMBERS VISIT AMMAN
MARCH 11, 12. WILL ADVISE DEVELOPMENT THIS REGARD.
SUGGEST EMBASSY MAKE SOME HOTEL 4-5 RESERVATIONS FOR
THIS CONTINGENCY.

8. OTHER ACTION REQUESTED. POST REQUESTED PROVIDE

FEBRUARY 21 EMBASSY BRIEFING ON BUSINESS SITUATION IN
LEBANON AND MID-EAST INCLUDING DISCUSSION BY TRADE
CENTER DIRECTOR, LE FEAVER.

9. ALSO PLEASE ARRANGE INFORMAL PANEL DISCUSSION WITH
REPRESENTATIVES OF PRINCIPAL AMERICAN BANKS INCLUDING
CHASE MANHATTAN, FNCB, FIRST NATIONAL CHICAGO, AND BANK
OF AMERICA. INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES U.S. FIRMS BEIRUT
IN ALL DISCUSSIONS.

10. DAMASCUS: ASSUME LACK EMBASSY RESPONSE STATE 271934
INDICATES EMBASSY APPROVAL MISSION VISIT. COMMERCE
PROCEEDING THIS BASIS POST URGED EXPEDITE REPLY.

11. ALL POSTS:IN VIEW SHORT LEAD TIME, ACTION POSTS
AUTHORIZED COLLECT CALL TO HERBERT SOCKS, SPECIAL ACTIVI-
TIES DIVISION (202-967-3846) ON ANY SPECIAL PROBLEMS.

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12. CAIRO REQUESTED EXPLORE POSSIBILITY PRINTING TRADE
MISSION BROCHURE EGYPT, UTILIZING SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY
FUNDS THIS PURPOSE. PLEASE ADVISE. KISSINGER

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